

REMARKS

Restriction/Election

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-24 and 27-50, drawn to a composition, classified in class 524, subclass 1+.

II. Claims 25, 26, 51 and 52, drawn to a method of coating, classified in class 527, subclass 385.5.

Election

Applicants herein elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-24 and 27-50, drawn to a composition) for prosecution on the merits.

Claims 25, 26, 51 and 52 are withdrawn from consideration as they are drawn to a non-elected invention (Group II). Applicants retain the right to present claims 25, 26, 51 and 52 in a divisional application.

Regarding the practice under *In re Ochiai*, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider joining the method claims of non-elected Group II (claims 25, 26, 51 and 52) with the composition claims of the elected Group I (claims 1-24 and 27-

50) upon the Examiner's determination that the claims (claims 1-24 and 27-50) of the elected invention are patentable, since if the composition is found to be novel, then methods limited to its use should also be found novel.

CONCLUSION

Now that Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2004, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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